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**Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
Notice of meeting to solicit public comments and intent to act
Upon Amendments to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) and
Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM)**

Public Hearing April 10, 2014

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting:

April 10, 2014 at 9:00am

Name of Organization:

State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human
Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
(DHCFP)

Place of Meeting:

State of Nevada Legislative Building
401 So. Carson Street Room 2134
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Place of Video Conference:

Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue Suite 4406
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP
Leah Lamborn, DHCFP
Marta Stagliano, DHCFP
Mary Gordon, DHCFP
Chuck Damon, DHCFP
Marti Cotè, DHCFP
Diane Ross, The Continuum

Darrell Faircloth, DAG
Rebecca V Ritter, DHCFP
Jared Davies, DHCFP
Jenni Bonk, DHCFP
Tracy Palmer, DHCFP
Jon Sasser, WCS
Shannon Sprout, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Ajalynn Oran, TMG
Martha Estrada, TMG

Gregory Martin, Representative, Assemblyman
Joe Hogan (District 10)

Introduction:

Ms. Marta Stagliano, Chief of Program Integrity, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Laurie Squartsoff, Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrel Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Ms. Stagliano – The notice for this public hearing was published on March 7, 2014 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

Ms. Stagliano – We have three items on the Agenda that I would like to take out of order. The first item noted as Agenda item three which is Discussion of Proposed Adoption of the Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 1200, presented by our CFO Leah Lamborn.

1. **Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 1200 – Cost Based Reimbursement Rates**

Leah Lamborn:

This new chapter is to outline the process for Cost Based Reimbursement Rates for a state or local governmental entity/provider that provides medical services. The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) may require the non-federal share of expenditures to be paid by the provider using Inter-governmental transfer of funds or Certified Public Expenditures (CPEs).

The effective date is April 11, 2014.

At the conclusion of Ms. Lamborn's presentation, Ms. Stagliano asked Ms. Squartsoff, Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Stagliano – Recommended the Administrator approve as submitted Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 1200, Cost Based Reimbursement Rates.

Ms. Squartsoff – Approved as submitted.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 1200.

2. Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1700 - Therapy

Shannon Sprout:

Revisions to MSM Chapter 1700 were made to clarify therapy services covered as a component of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit. This change in verbiage clarifies therapy services for individuals ordered under an EPSDT referral by a physician, physician's assistant or an advanced practitioner of nursing (APN). These services do not have to be rehabilitative or restorative in nature. Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity.

The effective date is May 1, 2014.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Sprout's presentation, Ms. Stagliano asked Ms. Squartsoff, Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- Ms. Squartsoff thanks Ms. Sprout and the stake holders who have been involved in the discussion of this chapter to ensure there is clarity in terms of the policy and appreciate everyone's efforts working with CMS and collaboratively coming up with a clear policy definition.

Mr. Faircloth Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- Martha Estrada inquires about missing page seven in the packet.
- Ms. Stagliano informs Ms. Estrada that page seven was not included in the packet as there were no changes to that specific page. Only the pages within the Chapter that there were changes on were included in the attachments.
- Mr. Faircloth asks Ms. Sprout to take a look to see if it is a pagination error or a missing page.
- Ms. Sprout informs Mr. Faircloth that it is not a missing page.
- Ms. Stagliano asks Ms. Heddy to validate that there are no changes to page seven.
- Ms. Heddy confirmed there are no changes to page seven that's why it was omitted from the attachment.
- Ms. Estrada would like to know what page and section the revision was added to.
- Ms. Sprout replied that it was page two of Section 1703, number two.
- Ms. Estrada implies not that one.

- Ms. Stagliano informs Ms. Estrada that the next change was made in 1703.5C which is under the Prior Authorization Requests on page eight. Any of the changes that were done in between there were grammatical or acronym clean up.
- Ms. Estrada thanks Ms. Stagliano.
- Ms. Stagliano asks if there are any other questions regarding this Chapter change.
- Mr. Sasser, representing Washoe Legal Services states he supports the changes that have been made and he thanks the Division for the hard work they've done the last number of months regarding the services that kids under the (EPSDT) get.
- Ms. Stagliano thanks Mr. Sasser for his support.

Ms. Stagliano – Recommended the Administrator approve as submitted Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1700 – Therapy with the following amendment: On the MTL in the last paragraph when we refer to our fiscal agent it needs to read Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services. Also on page two Section 1703.2A item number two it needs to state: the examination must identify a functional limitation to either acquire or correct/ameliorate a functional deficit/condition based upon medical necessity, not withstanding in relation to illness or injury which includes realistic and obtainable therapy goals.

Ms. Squartsoff – Approved as amended.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1700.

3. Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 600 – Katie Beckett Eligibility Option

Chuck Damon

Revisions to the MOM Chapter 600 are being made to incorporate the definition of parental responsibility in the assessment process for Level of Care (LOC) determinations for Katie Beckett children. The LOC determination for children must include age appropriate assessments based on the child's functional abilities in relationship to developmental milestones for the age of a child being assessed. This chapter revision incorporates additional definitions taken from the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Addendum which further clarify parental responsibility. This chapter revision does not affect eligibility requirements or Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

The effective date is May 1, 2014.

At the conclusion of Mr. Damon's presentation, Ms. Stagliano asked Ms. Squartsoff, Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- Ms. Squartsoff asks Mr. Damon to clarify Section 603 Page four number seven. She would like to know if it reads “Restorative and Rehabilitated and or special treatment?”
- Mr. Damon replies that the correct terminology is “Restorative and Rehabilitated or other Special Treatment.”

Mr. Faircloth Comments:

- Mr. Faircloth inquires about the definitions being copied from other sections or from the Addendum in the manual. So maybe a slight departure from the philosophy that everything's in the Addendum in terms of definitions. Does not know if the definitions vary from that in the Addendum itself. Is it your intent to ultimately if needed vary these definitions for the particular chapter or what is the logic in putting them in this Chapter opposed to leaving them in the Addendum?
- Ms. Stagliano informs Mr. Faircloth that the Operational Manual does not have an Addendum. So it's imperative to have the definitions related to the Operations Manual in the Operations Manual. The Addendum was isolated to the Medicaid Services Manual.
- Mr. Damon clarifies that the definitions are the same.

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Stagliano – Recommended the Administrator approve as submitted Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 600 – Katie Beckett Eligibility Option.

Ms. Squartsoff – Approved as submitted.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 600 – Katie Beckett Eligibility Option.

4. General Public Comments

- No Comments

5. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Ms. Stagliano adjourned the public hearing at 9:29 am.

**An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Administration office for a fee. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Rita Mackie at rmackie@dhcfp.nv.gov or you may call (775) 684-3681.*